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NEWSPAPERS

1. WASHINGTON POST (GETTLER) -- KISSINGER TOLD NATO
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN CLOSED SESSION THAT SOVIET
IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION COULD NOT LIVE SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH
COEXISTENCE AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN ITS ROLE AS
COUNTER TO SOVIET POWER NO MATTER WHO IS PRESIDENT. U.S.
OFFICIALS DESCRIBED SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION AS BALANCED,
BUT SHOWING GREATER U.S. AWARENESS OF AGGRESSIVE SOVIET
ACTIVITY. GETTLER SEES A PATTERN OF GRADUALLY HARDENING
POLICY TOWARD SOVIETS IN KISSINGER STATEMENTS AND IN
ROCKEFELLER FRANKFURT SPEECH.
FOREIGN MINISTERS DID NOT TREAT KISSINGER AS A LAME
DUCK AND MANY OFFICIALS FEEL HE COULD STAY IN OFFICE
DESPITE RECENT STATEMENTS. HIS OPTIMISM ON FUTURE OF
WEST WAS NEEDED SHOT-IN-ARM.

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IN BACKGROUND IS POTENTIALLY NATO'S GRAVEST CRISIS -- ELEC-
TIONS IN ITALY. DESPITE AGREED ON BAN AGAINST PUBLIC
MENTION OF THIS TOPIC, PRIVATELY THERE IS CONSIDERABLE

DISCUSSION.

KISSINGER ALSO

-- WAS PUBLICLY REBUKED BY FRYDENLUND WHO SAID RESULTS OF ELECTIONS IN PLURALISTIC SYSTEM MUST BE ACCEPTED;

-- WILL HAVE MET WITH GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AMIDST REPORTS THAT RELATIONS ARE IMPROVED TO POINT OF POSSIBLE SOLUTION;

-- WENT TO LENGTHS TO CLEAR UP SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

STORY WAS ON PAGE 10.

2. NEW YORK TIMES (WHITNEY) -- KISSINGER'S PLEDGE OF U.S. TO FIRM DEFENSE OF WEST AGAINST SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL AND MILITARY AGGRESSION NO MATTER WHO WINS IN NOVEMBER WAS "WARMLY RECEIVED BY MANY EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS." HE REJECTED SOVIET ANGOLA VENTURE AND IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION. SPEAKING TO AN ALLIANCE DIVIDED ON HOW TO DEAL WITH ITALIAN ELECTIONS, KISSINGER ALLUDED TO TOPIC, ONLY TO BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER BY LUNS -- WHEREUPON KISSINGER REPLIED, "I DID NOT SAY IT." OUTSIDE MEETING, HOWEVER, IT WAS A LIVELY SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION.

THIS PIECE WAS ON PAGE ONE.

3. L.A. TIMES (COOK) -- KISSINGER REASSURED ALLIES ON CONTINUITY OF U.S. POLICY WHATEVER HAPPENS IN NOVEMBER.

THOUGH MEETINGS ARE SECRET, AS USUAL THERE WERE IMMEDIATE LEAKS:

ACCORDING TO KISSINGER ANALYSIS OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, IDEOLOGISTS PROBABLY PLAYED BIG ROLE IN URGING UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET INVOLVMENT. THUS, IT IS PROBABLY AN ISOLATED ADVENTURE AND NOT, AS HE SAID IN DECEMBER, A SIGN OF NEW IMPERIALISM. GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER POSES LONG-TERM STRATEGIC THREAT TO WEST, AND CAN BE MET BY FIRM EFFORT BY NATO.

DESPITE "DIRECT APPEALS OR WARNINGS," KISSINGER TOOK MEETING BY SURPRISE AND BROUGHT UP PROBLEM OF ITALIAN COMMUNISTS. LUNS INTERVENED AND KISSINGER RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT SAID IT.

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OTHER BIG PROBLEM IN AIR AT MEETING: ICELANDIC COD WAR.

4. WALL STREET JOURNAL, "WHAT'S NEWS" COLUMN SAYS:

"KISSINGER ASSURED ALLIES DETENTE WON'T END AFTER THE U.S. ELECTIONS." . . .

"HE SAID THE CURRENT BALANCE OF POWER DOESN'T LEAVE ANY REAL ALTERNATIVE TO SUCH A POLICY. . . .

"DESPITE HIS ASSURANCES ABOUT THE FOREIGN POLICY THE ELECTION WINNER WILL FOLLOW, KISSINGER IS SAID TO BELIEVE THAT CURRENT CAMPAIGN CRITICISM OF HIM HAS HURT HIS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES." . . .

5. THURSDAY'S BALTIMORE NEWS AMERICAN -- NOTHING BY KINGSBURY-SMITH.

WIRES

6. AP (FREED) -- KISSINGER HAS TOLD ALLIES THAT U.S. SUPPORTS AND HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WILL NEVER ACCEPT SPHERES OF INFLUENCE CONCEPT FOR EUROPE. HOWEVER, ANY ALLIANCE ACTION SHOULD BE WITHIN LIMITS OF POSSIBLE AND SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE REVOLT OR SUDDEN SHIFT AWAY FROM MOSCOW.

KISSINGER RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM ALLIES OF POLICY OF CONTINUING RESISTANCE TO SOVIET AGGRESSIVE MOVES WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SEARCH FOR DETENTE.

FREED BRIEFLY BRIEFLY MENTIONS VARIOUS ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS.

7. UPI (GROWALD) -- KISSINGER HAS WON "TURKISH PLEDGE TO OPEN NEW NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE" ON CYPRUS.

NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS, ADDRESSED BY KISSINGER THURSDAY, CALLED HIS PRESENTATION "MASTERLY" AND "UNEQUALLED" BUT WITH ONE MISCUE: KISSINGER MENTIONED ITALIAN ELECTIONS AND WAS CUT OFF BY LUNS. STATE DEPT. SOURCES DENIED THAT, SAYING KISSINGER NEVER MENTIONED THE TOPIC.

8. REUTER (NELSON) -- ". . . KISSINGER ASSERTED TODAY THAT THERE WAS COMPLETE UNANIMITY BETWEEN HIM AND THE WHITE HOUSE ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, THOUGH HE CONCEDED HE MAY HAVE SOME CRITICS 'MUMBLING IN THE CORRIDORS.'

. . .

"IN RECENT WEEKS, DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF GOING BEYOND HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC ARMS

NEGOTIATIONS . . . AND . . . IN HIS SUPPORT FOR BLACK-
MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. . . .

"DR. KISSINGER ALSO DESCRIBED AS FICTION PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT
REPORTED A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL -- A PHRASE GENERALLY
INTERPRETED TO MEAN DR. KISSINGER HIMSELF -- HAD
CRITICIZED THE FORD ADMINISTRATION'S CAMPAIGN RHETORIC.

"ANY CRITICISM OF U.S. CAMPAIGN RHETORIC WAS AIMED AT THE
EXTREME STATEMENTS OF MR. FORD'S OPPONENTS . . .

"ON THE FLIGHT TO OSLO ON WEDNESDAY, THE SENIOR
OFFICIAL SAID THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD TO BE
CAREFUL DURING THE ELECTION YEAR NOT TO ISOLATE ITSELF
FROM ITS ALLIES BY SEEMING TO ABANDON DETENTE WHILE THEY
PRESS FOR IT.

"SPEAKING OF EUROPEAN CONCERN THAT THE U.S. WAS REVIVING
THE COLD WAR IN ITS CAMPAIGN DEBATE, THE OFFICIAL SAID,
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'IF WE DON'T WATCH OUT, WE WILL BE ISOLATED.'

"IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE, . . . DR. KISSINGER ALSO MADE
THESE POINTS:

"-- HE HAD NOT ASKED THE ALLIANCE TO COME TO ANY DECISION
ON . . . ITALIAN ELECTIONS;

"-- THE U.S. WILL REPLY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO A SOVIET
COUNTERPROPOSAL ON THE STALEMATED STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS, BUT
HAS NO TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF A NEW SALT
AGREEMENT;

"-- THE UNITED STATES URGES BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE TO
RESOLVE THEIR DISPUTES . . ."

IN SEPARATE PIECE, NO BYLINE --

"SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SLIPPED AWAY FROM A
FORMAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DINNER LAST NIGHT TO SPEND
TWO HOURS AT THE HOUSE OF FILM STAR LIV ULLMAN.

"DR. KISSINGER'S UNSCHEDULED CALL ON MISS ULLMAN, A
LONG-TIME FRIEND, CAME TO LIGHT TODAY IN THE OSLO
NEWSPAPER VERDENS GANG, WHICH PHOTOGRAPHED HIM LEAVING
HER HOUSE HALF AN HOUR AFTER MIDNIGHT. . . .

"MRS. KISSINGER HAS NOT ACCOMPANIED THE SECRETARY OF
STATE ON HIS RECENT TRIPS."

RADIO/TV

9. CBS EVENING RADIO, "THE WORLD TONIGHT", THURSDAY, MAY 21.

LANDAY: "PRESIDENT FORD MAY NOT CALL IT DETENTE ANY LONGER, BUT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ASSURED OUR NATO ALLIES TODAY THAT THAT POLICY STILL EXISTS NO MATTER WHAT IT'S CALLED. MORE ON THE NATO MINISTERIAL FROM BERNARD KALB IN OSLO.

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KALB: "KISSINGER SOUGHT TO REASSURE THE NATO ALLIANCE THAT THE BROAD OUTLINE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WOULD REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED WHATEVER ADMINISTRATION MAY BE IN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. THAT REPORT FROM A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WHO BRIEFED REPORTERS ON THE SECRETARY'S CLOSED-DOOR SPEECH BEFORE THE 15-NATION ALLIANCE. IT SEEMED TO BE AN ATTEMPT ON KISSINGER'S PART TO REMOVE ANY

ANXIETY IN WESTERN EUROPE THAT THE CURRENT DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY IN THE U.S. COULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO BASIC ALTERATIONS IN AMERICA'S COMMITMENTS TO ITS ALLIES, OR TO A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD THE RUSSIANS.

"PREDICTABLY, A GOOD PART OF KISSINGER'S SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO THE INCREASING SOVIET MILITARY CHALLENGE, BUT KISSINGER EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE WEST DOES HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MAINTAIN THE MILITARY BALANCE. KISSINGER WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE BLASTED THE RUSSIANS ON ANGOLA, AT THE SAME TIME HOLDING OUT THE PROSPECT FOR ACCOMMODATION ON THE BASIS OF STRICT RECIPROCITY."

10. BOB WALKER, AMERICAN INFORMATION RADIO, ABC, FRIDAY MORNING:

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, ATTENDING THE NATO CONFERENCE IN OSLO, HAS WON A PROMISE FROM TURKEY TO OPEN NEW TALKS WITH GREECE ON A POSSIBLE CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. KISSINGER HAD WORKED ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM OUTSIDE OF THE NATO CONFERENCE ITSELF. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS BEEN UNDER SOME POLITICAL PRESSURE HERE AT HOME. REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER RONALD REAGAN HAS LED THE DRIVE AGAINST THE SECRETARY'S POLICIES. EARLIER THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON, ABC'S MARGARET OSMER ASKED KISSINGER ABOUT THE SITUATION.

KISSINGER: "IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF MY HOLDING ON TO A JOB. IT'S A QUESTION OF WHAT SERVES THE COUNTRY IN A TURBULENT PERIOD IN WHICH WE HAVE CRISES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, CRISES IN AFRICA IN WHICH SOMEBODY WILL HAVE TO MANAGE THEM IF THEY BLOW UP, AND THAT IS FROM THE FOREIGN POLICY POINT OF VIEW. FROM THE POLITICAL POINT

OF VIEW, I AM READY TO LEAVE AT ANY MOMENT, IN FULL
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SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.

11. CBS RADIO, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP:

TOWNSEND: THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING ENDED TODAY WITH
SECSTATE KISSINGER STILL HOLDING CENTER STAGE. BERNARD
KALB REPORTS FROM OSLO.

KALB: "KISSINGER HAS CLEARLY BEEN A DOMINATING -- PERHAPS
THE DOMINATING -- FIGURE AT THE NATO CONFERENCE, THE
ESTEEM WITH WHICH HE IS REGARDED BY HIS FELLOW MINISTERS
APPARENTLY IN NO WAY DENTED BY THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN
CRITICISMS BACK HOME. HIS PERFORMANCE HERE WAS HARDLY
THAT OF A SECRETARY OF STATE WHO IS THINKING OF GIVING IT
ALL UP. RATHER, HIS DIPLOMATIC SCHEDULE WAS, AS USUAL,
NON-STOP, THE SECRETARY A KIND OF BLUR AS HE SHUTTLED
BETWEEN PLENARY SESSIONS OF NATO AND BILATERAL SESSIONS
WITH INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS. IF HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE
POLITICAL WAR BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND RONALD REAGAN,
HE HAS NOT REVEALED IT. BUT DOMESTIC POLITICS DID COME
UP IN A WAY, IN HIS PREPARATORY REMARKS TO HIS GLOBAL
ANALYSIS DELIVERED AT THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING YESTERDAY,
KISSINGER SPEAKING TO REASSURE A CONCERNED WESTERN EUROPE,
SAYING THAT THE BROAD OUTLINES OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WILL
REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED REGARDLESS OF WHICH
ADMINISTRATION IS IN POWER IN WASHINGTON.

12. LEW WOOD, NBC-TV "TODAY SHOW":

"THE TARGET OF SOME DEMOCRATIC CRITICISM. SECSTATE
HENRY KISSINGER IS ATTENDING THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING IN MOSCOW. KISSINGER TOLD WASHINGTON'S
EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT AMERICA SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENCE OF
EASTERN EUROPE FROM SOVIET DOMINATION. ABOUT TWENTY
YOUTHS DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE THE HEAVILY GUARDED NATO
MEETING YESTERDAY, WHILE SEVERALTHOUSAND LEFTISTS
MARCHED IN THE STREETS DENOUNCING NATO AND KISSINGER."

13. STEVE BELL, ABC-TV, "GOOD MORNING AMERICA"

"SECSTATE KISSINGER SAYS TURKEY HAS PROMISED TO OPEN NEW
NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE TOMORROW MORNING OVER THE SITUATION
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ON CYPRUS. KISSINGER HAD BREAKFAST TODAY WITH THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF TURKEY. THEY'RE ALL IN OSLO
FOR THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. YESTERDAY,
KISSINGER WAS CONFRONTED BRIEFLY BY AN APPARENT ANTI-NATO

DEMONSTRATOR. THE MAN, ON CRUTCHES WEARING A U.S. ARMY
JACKET, AN EYE PATCH AND COLORED BANDAGES, WAS NOT
IDENTIFIED, NOR WAS HE ARRESTED."

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